

ACS Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:

11/06/2019 @ 1900 Hrs.

Officers Attending:

President: Carl K7ECW, Vice-President: Ray KC7MRM, Treasurer: Ralph N2RJR, Trustee Randy NU7D.

Attendance:

Members: Jeff KB7PMO, Darin KD7TJR, Butch AE7KJ, Tere HAM080, Earl N3EG, Connie KB7AYY, Jeff KJ6ETR.

Guests: Kale KI7CLL, Mike KI7MPV.

Note:

Meeting Minutes were recorded by President Carl K7ECW in the absence of Secretary Rick WA7NWN.

Meeting was conducted by Vice-President Ray KC7MRM.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice-President Ray KC7MRM called the meeting order, welcoming members and guests and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Officers Reports:

Treasure Ralph N2RJR reported all the bills were paid and there was a small positive balance in the checking account.

Old Business:

Previous Meeting Minutes: Posted to the ACS Webpage. No corrections or amendments. Motion to accept by Ralph N2RJR and seconded by Randy NU7D. Motion carried.

Critiques:

1. 10/05 – Home Depot Preparedness Fair. Well received. Connie KB7AYY staffed a table inside with Larry Hembree. Cowlitz County Emergency Management Coordinator, passing out info prepared by Cowlitz County DEM regarding preparedness during an emergency. Hams also displayed “Go-Kits”, Jeff KB7PMO and Rick WA7NWN; Emergency Power, Lloyd W7KDG and UAS demos by Carl K7ECW and Randy NU7D.
2. 10/12 – Longview and Kelso Fire Station Open Houses. Well attended and well received. Connie KB7AYY and Carl K7ECW helped Larry Hembree at the DEM table. Connie spotted for Carl as he flew several drone sorties outside the Commerce St Station. At the Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Station on Vine St in Kelso, Ralph N2RJR, Steve KN7SLR and Randy NU7D helped Ernie with the DEM table, very little, as DEM Director had everything while in hand. Ralph, Steve and Randy had a table outside with Ham literature and UAS displays. Ralph and Steve spotted for Randy drone sorties.
3. 10/12 – UAS Team Quarterly Meeting. Attendees were Randy NU7D, Carl K7ECW, Ralph N2RJR and Steve KN7SLR. UAS picture of the Zainfeld funeral were shown. Progress made with live streaming was discussed. Low level flying practices were discussed. Halloween is a good to purchase cheap toy weapons (guns, knives, swords, etc.) to be use during low level flying practice.
4. 10/13 – UAS SAR Mission in Skamania County. Three pilots, Bill KB7CZ, Carl K7ECW and Randy NU7D responded to UAS SAR mission in Skamania County for a 74-year-old female mushroom picker who went missing on 10/12. The team had to wait for a rescue helicopter to clear the airspace before launching. When the airspace was clear there wasn't much daylight left. The trees and brush in the launch areas were very thick, making it very difficult to safely get airborne. Bill and Carl both got airborne but could only see a lot of treetops with very little opening to search. After a short team discussion about the area, the team opted not to return the next day because of the minimal possibilities of being helpful to the sheriff. - - - The missing female was found alive the next day on her 75th birthday.

New Business:

1. LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Meeting to be held 11/12 at 1500Hrs at the County Admin. Bldg. in Kelso. This meeting is attended by representatives of local industry and businesses to discuss potential emergencies that could happen in Cowlitz County.
2. The next ELT practice is on 11/16. Meet at LCARA at 0900Hrs to form teams. Discussion – New ELT Beacons on the market work in the 406MHz range. Dual-band with 121.5MHz. They are too expensive to replace the existing equipment we currently use in our practices.
3. 5th Saturday Communications Exercise on 11/30 starting at 1000Hrs on the 147.26 Repeater. Possible activity associated with the exercise.
4. Randy NU7D handed out the 2020 Annual Mission Numbers Requests, not submitted to DEM yet, and the Weekly Activity Schedule. It was pointed out that 3rd Saturday exercise held this year will be held on 2nd Saturday of the respective months during 2020.

Team Projects:

1. River Gauge: Next scheduled check is 12/05.
2. Comm-Van: Checks due by 12/10.
3. UAS: Learning how use current apps. Additional testing and procedure for the live streaming app.
4. Webpages: LCARA <http://www.w7dg.org/index.html> --- ACS <http://www.cowlitzradio.org/> If you anything to add to either webpage, contact Wally WM7U or Randy NU7D.

Other Items:

Need Winlink equipment/software updates at Cowlitz County EOC, LCARA and Comm-Van to help with training exercises and actual events. – ARES Training Plan Task Books found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/ares>

Please keep training certificates you have earned in this task book.

Good of the Order:

Ray KC7MRM read a letter from Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue thanks us for our participation with Battalion Chief Mike Zainfeld funeral.

Motion to adjourn:

Jeff KB7PMO seconded by Butch AE7KJ. Motion passed at 1950Hrs.